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 Affairs, Western Wireless Corporation. My business address is 3650 131st Ave.,

 S.E., Suite 400, Bellevue, Washington 98006, and my business telephone number is

 (425) 586-8055.
- 2. WWC License LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Western Wireless Corporation (both referred to as "Western Wireless"), is a commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") carrier that is not subject to rate and entry regulation by the Nebraska Public Service Commission pursuant to Section 332(c)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"). In Nebraska, Western Wireless was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in certain non-rural telephone company exchanges and rural telephone company study areas by the Nebraska Public Service Commission, for purposes of receiving federal and state universal service support. See In the Matter of the Application of WWC License LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, Report and Order, Nebraska Application No. C-1889 by order dated November 21, 2000.

Section 254(e) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 254(e), provides that ETCs receiving universal service funding must "use that support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." To implement this provision, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") adopted a rule providing that an ETC may receive certain types of federal universal service funding only if the state commission files a certification that all federal high-cost support provided to the carrier will be used as required in Section 254(e).

47 C.F.R. § 54.313 -- § 54.314.

- 3. The FCC has stated that carriers that are not subject to rate regulation by state commissions "may formulate plans to ensure compliance with section 254(e), and present those plans to the state, so that the state may make the appropriate certification to the Commission." Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Ninth Report and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, 14 FCC Rcd 20432, ¶ 97 (rel. Nov. 2, 1999); Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Fourteenth Report and Order and Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, 16 FCC Rcd 11244 ¶ 188 (rel. May 23, 2001). Western Wireless, therefore, submits the following plan to the FCC and USAC.
- 4. As certified herein, Western Wireless will utilize all federal high cost universal service support that it will receive in its designated ETC service area in Nebraska only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.
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- 8. All of the federal high cost universal service funds that Western Wireless receives will be used to support the programs described above.

 Accordingly, Western Wireless will be in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e), and the FCC should certify to that effect pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 and § 54.314.

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Act, 47 U.S.C. § 254(e), provides that ETCs receiving universal service funding must "use that support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." To implement this provision, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") adopted a rule providing that an ETC may receive certain types of federal universal service funding only if the state commission files a certification that all federal high-cost support provided to the carrier will be used as required in Section 254(e). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 ·· § 54.314.

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- 4. As certified herein, Western Wireless will utilize all federal high-cost universal service support that it will receive in its designated ETC service area in Nevada only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.
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 Accordingly, Western Wireless will be in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e), and the FCC should so certify to that effect pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 and § 54.314.

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this the ________, 2002.

Notary Public
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SEAL:

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1999 and by Order dated October 3, 2001. Section 254(e) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 254(e), provides that ETCs receiving universal service funding must "use that support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." To implement this provision, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") adopted a rule providing that an ETC may receive certain types of federal universal service funding only if the state commission files a certification that all federal high-cost support provided to the carrier will be used as required in Section 254(e). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 - § 54.314.

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- 4. As certified herein, Western Wireless will utilize all federal high-cost universal service support that it will receive in its designated ETC service area in North Dakota only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

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22295; S.O.A.H. Docket Nos. 473·00·1167 and 473·00·1168 by Order dated October 30, 2000. Section 254(e) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 254(e), provides that ETCs receiving universal service funding must "use that support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." To implement this provision, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") adopted a rule providing that an ETC may receive certain types of federal universal service funding only if the state commission files a certification that all federal high-cost support provided to the carrier will be used as required in Section 254(e). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 -- § 54.314.

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